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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Lev Korenevsky  
Application #: 10/037,548Examiner: Shay L. Balsis  
Art Unit: 1744

Honorable Commissioner for Patents

Sir,

This Amendment and Response is submitted in response to the Examiner's Office Action dated 05/10/2004.

**Introductory Comments**

According to the examiner's response, my last amendment to Claim 1 added a limitation about connection of the bearing portion and the outer portion ('by screwing') that would require additional examiner's considerations. This limitation is excessive and should be removed. I also decided to make Claims 8 and 9 dependent on Claim 1 for the sake of clarity though the enhancements they teach about could be applied to any conventional paint roller frame with a U-shaped shaft.

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